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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 5, 8 and 9 as follows:

5. (Amended) A method for producing a preparation possessing antiviral activity comprising substances obtained from cuticular or epicuticular layers of a plant or plant part, the method comprising:

a) exposing the plant or plant part to a solvent under conditions sufficient to solubilize materials in the cuticular and epicuticular layers of the plant, while leaving cells and tissues internal to the epidermis substantially unaffected; and